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For: EMULSION COMPOSITION FOR SILICONE RUBBER SPONGE, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SILICONE RUBBER SPONGE	I hereby certify that the attached Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08A are being electronically filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.	
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<u>Foreign Document</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
JP 11236508	08-31-1999
JP 2003096223	04-03-2003
JP 2004346248	12-09-2004
JP 2005062534	03-10-2005
JP 2005255968	09-22-2005
JP 2008163060	07-17-2008
JP 2008214625	09-18-2008
WO 2004074378	09-02-2004
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JP 7122000	12-25-1995	US 5332762
JP 11236508	08-31-1999	English Translation
JP 2003096223	04-03-2003	English Translation
JP 2004346248	12-09-2004	English Translation
JP 2005062534	03-10-2005	English Translation
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JP 2008163060	07-17-2008	English Translation
JP 2008214625	09-18-2008	US 20110021649
WO 2004074378	09-02-2004	US 20070015868
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C.F.R. §1.97(d). Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)(2), Applicant hereby pays the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement. Please charge the \$180.00 submission fee to Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC Deposit Account No. 08-2789. Accordingly:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any additional fees due hereunder.

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